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1. EMBASSY'S SCIOFF IN RIO HELD PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT WITH FURNAS REP PRIOR TO MORE DETAILED PRESENTATION BEING MADE BY LETTER TO CNEN, NUCLEBRAS AND FURNAS. BRAZILIANS CLEARLY BELIEVE THAT INFORMATION IN REFTELS DOES NOT DEAL ADEQUATELY WITH THEIR CONDITIONAL CONTRACTS. THEY EXPECT THAT ANY ENRICHING CAPACITY FREED BY THE DELAYS OR TERMINATIONS OF CUSTOMERS HOLDING FIRM CONTRACTS (REFTEL C, PARA 3) WILL BE ALLOCATED TO PRESENT HOLDERS OF CONDITIONAL CONTRACTS ON FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVED BASIS (FURNAS IS THIRD IN LINE AFTER TWO SPANISH REACTORS). THEY WILL NOT DEAL DIRECTLY WITH U.S. UTILITIES TERMINATING CONTRACTS OR WITH THE UEA OR OTHER POTENTIAL PRIVATE ENRICHERS UNTIL THEY HAVE SETTLED THIS MATTER WITH THE USG.

2. THE THREE AGENCIES EXPECT TO MAKE A COORDINATED RESPONSE TO SCIOFF IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE KEY ISSUE FOR THE GOB IS, OF COURSE, THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AMENDED AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION, UNDER WHICH THE FUEL WOULD BE PROVIDED. THE GOB WILL PROBABLY SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO WASHINGTON IN AUGUST TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEAL DIRECTLY WITH STATE AND ERDA.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON'S
RESPONSE ON THE AMENDED AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION.
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